Welcome to Smith College. I am pleased you will be joining our Smith College community this fall. I am sure you will enjoy much success during your time here. Student life at Smith offers a rich array of activities designed to assist you in your academic endeavors, to extend your learning beyond the classroom, and to develop your talents, skills, and interests. The information contained in this packet is important and will begin to acquaint you with these numerous opportunities. Please take a few minutes to review this material prior to your arrival.

To help you stay informed over the summer, we have created a group for you on our web organization management system, Smith Social Network. Smith Social Network is where you will receive all your information about arrival and useful information about your first year experience. We will be using it this summer to provide information, communicate with you and allow you to communicate with each other. Instructions for logging on to Smith Social Network are included in this packet. Your login and password are listed on the instruction sheet. Once you log on to Smith Social Network you will join the First Year Experience group and see lots of information, including instructions on how to access your Smith email account, which is available for your use now. We will be using your Smith email address EXCLUSIVELY from this point on. Please check it regularly for important messages.

We know that new students arrive on campus with many questions. In order to assist you, we have prepared an orientation program, which begins on Friday, August 31st, 2018. Orientation contains essential information all new students need for academic and personal success, and addresses topics of importance to the entire Smith College community. During this time you will also meet with your academic advisor and select your courses for the fall semester. In addition, orientation also offers many informal and enjoyable opportunities to help you become acquainted with other new classmates, returning students, and Smith faculty. You will find pertinent arrival information in your “Making the Most of Smith” booklet.

Each new student will also need to select an orientation group program. These are small group experiences that are interest-specific and will enable you to get to know your classmates and upper class students who share a similar interest. Information about these groups and how to register for a program is enclosed in this mailing. Additional information about orientation is available on our website at www.smith.edu/sao.
Smith Life and Learning: The First Year Experience is a unique program designed especially for first year students. Through workshops and other events, Smith Life & Learning provides numerous opportunities to interact with new students, faculty, and staff. In September, a schedule of SL&L: FYE events will be emailed to you.

If you submitted your Residence Life Information Form prior to the June 15 deadline, you will be receiving your room assignment via Smith email by August 1. This email will include your house, room number, and your roommate's name and email address, should you be assigned to a double room. I encourage you to communicate with your roommate prior to arriving on campus. Should you have any questions concerning your room assignment, please contact the Office of Residence Life, at (413) 585-4940, or by email at reslife@smith.edu.

I look forward to welcoming you to Smith in the fall. If you have any questions about student life prior to or after your arrival on campus, please do not hesitate to contact me at (413) 585-4940, or come to the Student Affairs Office, located in Clark Hall. In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

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